

**Subject:**

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month - June 2018

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In 2000, President Bill Clinton issued Presidential Proclamation 7316 proclaiming June as Gay and Lesbian Pride Month. In 2009, President Barack Obama issued Presidential Proclamation 8387 to proclaim June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Pride Month.

The Capital Pride Alliance, located in Washington, DC, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving the needs of the LGBTQ+ community and its partners through educational events, entertainment, community outreach, and celebrations of diversity throughout the year. Capital Pride Alliance announced "*Elements of US*" as the theme for this year's Pride observance.

Through this theme, Capital Pride acknowledges that every person's life is composed of a kaleidoscope of extraordinary parts, including identity, race, sexuality, gender, spirituality, experience, beliefs, goals, and so much more. Ashley Smith, President of the Board of Directors of the Capital Pride Alliance stated, "These elements influence who we are and help sustain and balance us in what can be an otherwise perplexing and difficult world. Who we are also links us to each other and to our exceptional LGBTQ+ community". Ms. Smith went further to say, "We are constantly challenged to celebrate and appreciate what makes each of us unique, while at the same time we are called to recognize that our common goals bind us together, each to the other. Thus, collectively through Pride we are able to create a powerful foundation that will help us

advance the cause of human dignity, equal rights, and a world free from discrimination and prejudice”.

Please check out the following link for local activities in recognition of LGBT Pride Month: <http://www.capitalpride.org/celebration-2018/>



— and plan to join the Office of Workplace Diversity (OWD) in the Commission Meeting Room on June 19, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. to hear profound remarks from Larry Miller, WUSA9, "Wake Up Washington" News Anchor.



*Displayed on Image photograph of Larry Miller*

Larry Miller joined the WUSA9 morning team in February 2015 and reports from the Wake Up Washington Live Desk on breaking, social and entertainment news. He is no stranger to the DMV. Larry grew up in Baltimore County, Maryland and lived in the Washington Metropolitan area before moving to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

He comes to WUSA9 from WBMA-TV in Birmingham, AL where he worked as a Reporter/Fill-in Anchor. In Alabama, he learned the art of storm chasing, challenged elected officials on the mismanagement of taxpayer dollars, and

covered some of the city's most high profile crimes. His work earned him an Edward R. Murrow and Associated Press awards for hard news reporting. Larry got his start in Medford, Oregon where he spent three years working as a Morning Anchor/Supervising Producer.

He holds a Master of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communication from Point Park University and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of Pittsburgh. Larry is also a proud graduate of Montgomery College (Rockville Campus) where he received an Associate of Arts degree. In addition, Larry is also an adjunct professor at Prince George's Community College. He teaches speech communication.

When Larry isn't reporting, he's running. Last May, he finished his first 100-mile endurance race in Fort Valley, Virginia and is already training for another in the fall. If you have a story idea, let Larry know.



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**Subject:**

TODAY: LGBTQ Pride Month 2018 - Viewing of "Out in the Open" Part Two

**Importance:**

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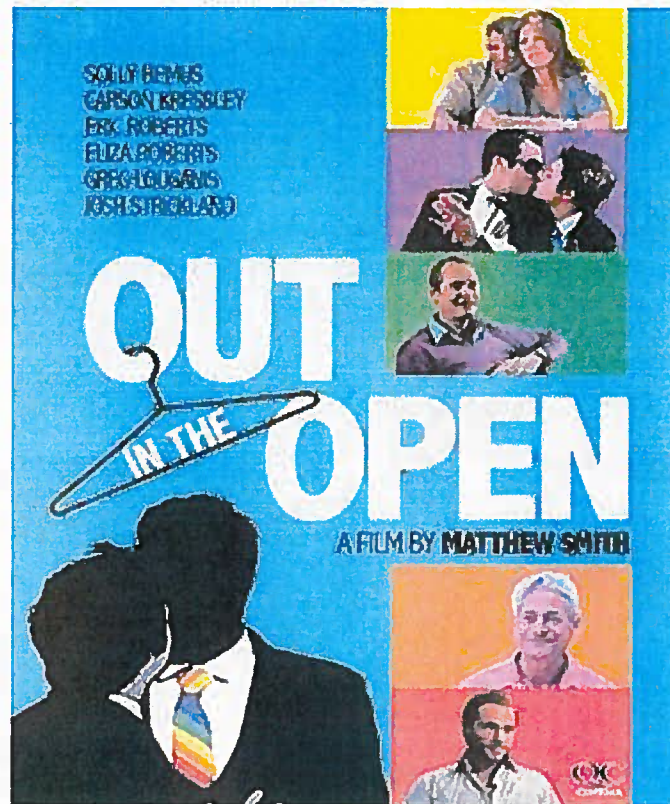
**Join the Office of Workplace Diversity (OWD) in  
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for the viewing of Part Two of "Out in the Open" at  
10:30 a.m.**

*Out In The Open* will, for once and for all, destroy the misconceptions, fears, and myths about the LGBT community. *Out in the Open* presents that no single person is the same and that all people should be celebrated. *Out in the Open* interviews celebrities, politicians, and everyday allies, straight and gay, who openly celebrate the LGBT community. These figures will discuss how they coped with stereotypes attached to their sexual orientation by sharing personal experiences of coming to terms with their sexuality. *Out in the Open* brings you real stories of true equality that will leave you inspired.

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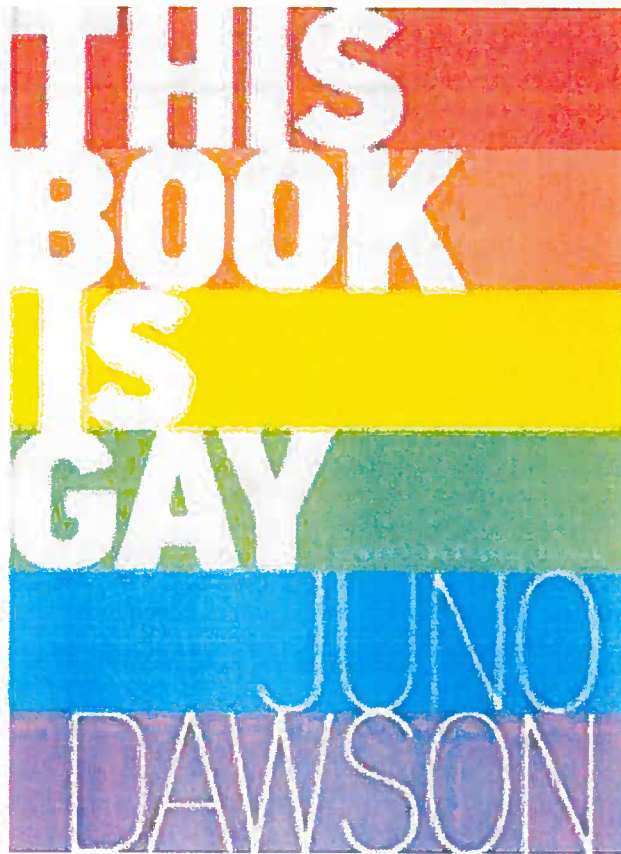


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\_\_\_\_\_to join the Office of Workplace Diversity for an exciting book discussion of “*This Book is Gay*” written by Juno Dawson facilitated by Rachel Seissler, Office of Managing Director. The dates are July 12 and 19, 2:00-3:00 p.m. in 5- South Conference Room. Participants are encouraged to attend both sessions in order to complete the book. Sessions lasts 60 minutes. To reserve your copy of the book and participate in the discussion, send an email to [Rosalind.Bailey@fcc.gov](mailto:Rosalind.Bailey@fcc.gov). **Books are available for pick up Today and Tomorrow, June 20 and 21, 2018, between the hours of 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** If you have any questions or require an accommodation in order to participate, please include that in your email. There are a limited number of books.

## Book Discussion Series



**FACILITATOR:**  
**Rachel Seissler**  
**Office of Managing Director**

Lesbian. Bisexual. Queer. Transgender. Straight. Curious. This book is for everyone, regardless of gender or sexual orientation. This book is for anyone who's ever dared to wonder.

Inside you'll find the answers to all the questions you ever wanted to ask. This candid, funny, and uncensored exploration of what it's like to grow up LGBT also includes real stories from people across the gender and sexual spectrums, not to mention hilarious illustrations.

You will be entertained. You will be informed. But most importantly, you will know that however you identify (or don't) and whomever you love, you are exceptional. You matter. And so does this book.



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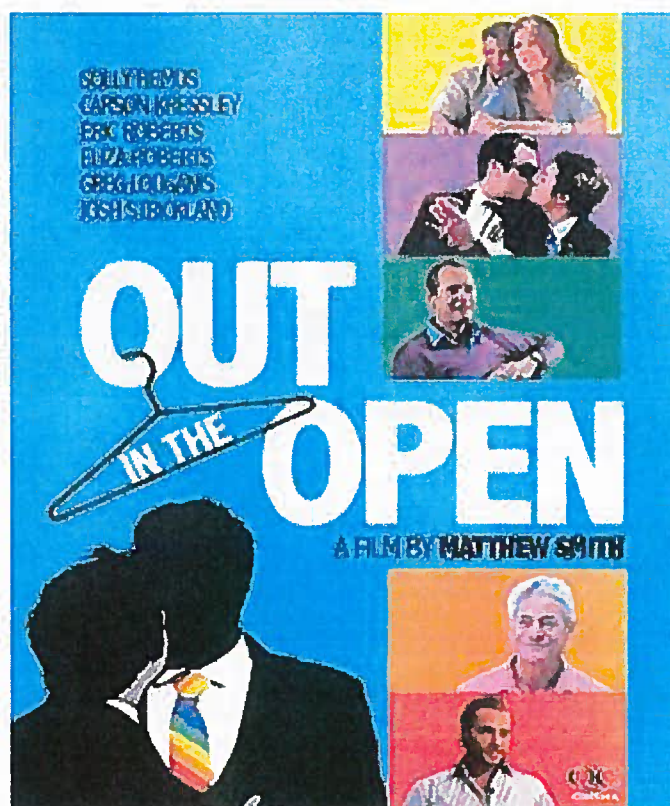
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*(Part Two will be shown on June 25, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.)*

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